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Via Email and ECF

Hon. Richard M. Berman  
U.S. District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10001

Re: *United States v. Robert Hadden, 20 Cr. 468 (RMB)*

Dear Judge Berman,

I write to respectfully request an accommodation from the Court. The Court of Appeals for the First Circuit has set oral argument in the case of *United States v. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev* -- an appeal of the death sentence in the Boston Marathon Bombing case that I have been working on for seven years – for January 10, 2023. Jury selection in our case is set to begin January 3, 2023. I would ask that (1) if jury selection is still ongoing on January 10<sup>th</sup>, the Court excuse me for the day and permit my co-counsel to handle the jury selection proceeding, but (2) if jury selection has concluded, that the Court schedule opening statements and the first witnesses for January 11, 2023, with a break for all participants on January 10. I have discussed this matter with the government and they consent to this request. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/  
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cc: Counsel of Record (by ECF)  
Robert Hadden